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## Editorial

With the beginning of 2011, the editorial team of *Limnologia* has changed. Rainer Koschel, who edited and managed *Limnologia* for eight years, recently retired as a professor at the Humboldt University of Berlin and head of the limnological department "Lake Stechlin" at the Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries. Two of the associate editors, Jürgen Benndorf (TU Dresden) and Walter Geller (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research) retired as well. Therefore, a complete change of the editorial team was necessary.

The new editorial team is composed of Daniel Hering (University of Duisburg-Essen, managing editor), Ingrid Chorus (Federal Environment Agency of Germany, Berlin), Michael Hupfer (Leibniz-Institute for Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Berlin), Martin Schmid (Eawag, Kastanienbaum) and Stefan Woelfl (Universidad Austral de Chile, Valdivia).

The previous editorial team is still responsible for the majority of manuscripts appearing in 2011, most of which were submitted and reviewed in 2010 already. All manuscripts which were and will be submitted from December 2010 onwards will be processed by the new team.

Also with the new Editorial Board the thematic focus of *Limnologia* will be kept. We strive for a broad coverage of limnological topics with a certain focus on applied issues. We welcome manuscripts on all biological, physical and chemical aspects of freshwater ecosystems (lakes, rivers, ponds and groundwater), adjacent habitats such as wetlands and riparian zones and less frequently investigated ecosystem types ranging from tree holes to oxbows and springs. Manuscripts addressing theoretical and modeling topics are also appreciated. Despite this broad coverage *Limnologia* will keep a

focus on applied topics (e.g. ecotechnology, bioindication, management, restoration). *Limnologia* has a long and successful tradition in publishing articles addressing less frequently investigated world regions; in the past we particularly published many exciting manuscripts on South America, but we equally welcome manuscripts from Africa and Asia.

Over the last years the manuscripts submitted to *Limnologia* strongly increased in quantity and quality, which partly resulting in a relatively long time span between submission and publication. From 2011 on we have implemented measures to speed up the process: We are now using the full version of the Elsevier Editorial System (EES) which is more rapid and more convenient for authors, reviewers and editors. Further, we will gradually extend the numbers of pages and issues over the coming years. We will continue publishing one special issue per year which is in the responsibility of guest editors. We take the opportunity to thank all the authors having contributed to *Limnologia* over the last years, all the reviewers who advised *Limnologia* and granted a lot of time to the journal, the guest editors of the special issues for excellent editorial work, the members of the Advisory Board who were most frequently contacted for reviews, Jürgen Benndorf and Walter Geller for several years of editorial activities and Edit Tesch for her perfect editorial assistance. We hope that you will all continue in writing, acquiring and reviewing exciting manuscripts, to make *Limnologia* one of the leading journals in applied freshwater ecology.

Essen and Berlin, April 2011  
Daniel Hering and Rainer Koschel